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Attached is a listing of patent documents on Form PTO-1449. However, the following are foreign documents:

European Patent Document No. EP0174795A2, published March 19, 1986. This document discloses a road surface dressing composition which is made by (a) blending together at a temperature of 140 to 200 DEG C, (i) a bitumen fluxed with a petroleum derived aromatic oil to a penetration of over 220 (mm 10), (ii) a styrene-butadiene copolymer; (b) mixing the resultant blend for at least 10 minutes at a temperature of 150 to 190 DEG C with 0.01 to 0.6% of sulphur based on the weight of the bitumen content of the said fluxed bitumen; and (c) mixing the resultant product at a temperature of 125 to 150 DEG C with a light fluxant preferably hydrocarbonaceous, to decrease the final viscosity of the composition to a required value.

French Patent Document No. FR2533935A1, published April 6, 1984. This document discloses a preparation of bitumen-polymer compositions from master solutions based on butadiene-styrene (SBS) copolymer, obtained by stirring the copolymer in a solvent medium at 120-180 DEG C and then, after homogenizing, addition of solid sulphur and mixing of the final product with the bitumen. According to the invention an ethylene-vinyl acetate EVA copolymer is added to the SBS copolymer, the medium consisting of a mixture of an aromatic heavy cut from steam cracking of paraffinic fractions originating from the distillation of oil crudes and of a

lighter aromatic petroleum oil of higher flash point. Application especially to the production of surface dressings, bituminous mixtures for roadways and industrial bitumens for sealing.

German Patent Document No. DE3630132A1 is in the German language and no English equivalent is available.

German Patent Document No. DD289052A5 is in the German language and no English translation equivalent is available.

German Patent Document No. DD289056A5 is in the German language and no English equivalent is available.

German Patent Document No. DE4034319A1, published May 16, 1991. This document discloses a polymer-modified bitumen (I) is produced by stirring 67-98 pts. wt. bitumen (with softening pt. 35-90 deg. C and contg. At least 25 wt.% resin) with 1.8-30 pts. wt. polybutadienes (with MN 2000-10,000, iodine no. 350-450 g I/100 g and viscosity 1-250 Pa.s at 20 deg.C) and 0.2-3.0 pts. wt. sulphur, for up to 12 hrs. at 160-230 deg. C. Up to 75 wt. % of the bitumen component consists of resin-rich hydrocarbon mixts., such as heavy vacuum distillates and/or petroleum processing residues and/or pitches or tars from hard coal or brown coal processing, or mixts. Up to 50 wt% of the polybutadiene consists of high-mol. Wt. synthetic rubber with Mb above 20,000.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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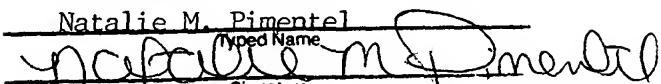
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